

#### February 2019

#### 1. <u>UP Budget: Rs.4.79 lakh crore annual budget for 2019-20</u> Key Points

- The revenue receipt from State Goods and Services Tax (SGST) and Value Added Tax (VAT) is estimated to be Rs.77640 crore while excise duty is to be Rs.31517 crore in 2019-20.
- Budget also contains provision for WiFi in universities and degree colleges.
- The government has launched Kanya Sumangala Scheme for upliftment of women which would give 'handsome' money to all girls in the state when they get married or pass graduation. The money will be deposited in the account of the girls in instalments from their birth to college graduation. It would be useful for their marriage.

#### 2. **UP CM Launches Scheme for Adolescent Girls**

- for adolescent girls aged between 11 to 14 years, who have left their educationi.
- UP Government decided to observe 8th of every month as Adolescent Girls Day, at Anganwadi Centres across the state, and Nutrition Campaigns will be organized for these girls on that day.

#### 3. Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi ((PM-KISAN) launched in Gorakhpur

- The scheme will provide Rs 6,000 per year to small and marginal farmer families having combined land holding/ownership of up to 2 hectares.
- The amount will be given in three instalments of Rs 2,000 each and will be transferred directly to the bank account of the beneficiaries through Direct Benefit Transfer.

## 4. <u>Taj Mahal, Agra Fort and Qutub Minar are now under Top 10 Revenue Generating Monuments</u>

### 5. Foundation stone of Defence Corridor in UP laid by PM

- PM Modi on his visit to Jhansi laid foundation stone of Defence Corridor.
- Government decided to establish 2 defence corridors in the country, one at Tamil Nadu and the other in Uttar Pradesh.
- Jhansi is one among six nodal points of the UP-defence corridors.

### 6. Supercomputer 'Param Shivay'

- PM Narendra inaugurated supercomputer 'Param Shivay' at IIT-BHU.
- The supercomputer of 833 teraflop capacity built at the cost of Rs 32.5 crore.
- India's first supercomputer was PARAM 8000.

## 7. <u>Virtual Experiential Museum at Man-Mahal near Dashashwamedh Ghat at</u> Varanasi

Prime Minister, Narendra Modi inaugurated Virtual Experiential Museum (VEM) under Archeological Survey of India, Man - Mahal, in the bank of the River Ganges.

Man-Mahal was constructed by Raja Man - Singh in 1600 A.D. In 1734, an observatory was constructed on the roof of this monument by Sawai Jai Singh II of Jaipu

- VEM was established by National Council of Science Museum (NCSM] under the Ministry of Culture.
- Indian National Trust for Art and Cultural Heritage (INTACH) helped in designing and curation of this VEM.

#### 8. First ever diesel-to-electric converted locomotive in Varanasi

## 9. Electrification of Jhansi -Khairar section

 The 297km long Jhansi - Khairar section electrification project inaugurated by PM at Jhansi.

## 10. Pahari Dam Modernization Project

- PM Modi inaugurated Pahari Dam Modernization Project.
- The dam is on Dhasan River which is a right bank tributary of Betwa River.





#### 11. Buddhist Tourism Circuit

- Union Ministry of Tourism has sanctioned five new projects under the Buddhist Circuit.
- The five states where the project under Buddhist Circuit has been sanctioned are Madhya Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, Gujarat, and Andhra Pradesh.
- The Buddhist Circuit is one among the fifteen thematic circuits identified for development under Swadesh Darshan Scheme.

# 12. Foundation stone of Piped Water Scheme for rural areas of Bundelkhand laid by PM

# 13. <u>UP govt started "Sarthi Sandesh Vahini" vehicles to spread awareness regarding family planning</u>

- Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister flagged off 33 'Sarthi Sandesh Vahini' vehicles.
- The 'Sarthi Sandesh Vahini' is a mission started by the state family welfare department with an aim to spread awareness regarding family planning in urban and rural areas.

#### **14. PETROTECH 2019**

- PETROTECH 2019 is India's flagship biennial international oil and gas conference and exhibition, was held at India Expo Centre in Greater Noida.
- It is Asia's largest oil and gas event.
- The theme of PETROTECH 2019 is Shaping the New Energy World through Innovation and Collaboration.
- 15. The Union Minister for Food Processing Industries Harsimrat Kaur Badal laid foundation stone of a Mega Food Park in Mathura, UP.
- 16. The Uttar Pradesh Govt. has announced phenomenal increase in the wages of Anganwadi workers, Mini Anganwadi workers, Sahayikas and Prantiya Raksha Dal members.

Note: The salary increase will benefit around 4 lakhs Anganwadi and helper workers. There will an increase of Rs. 1500 in the present honorarium of Anganwadi workers, Mini Anganwadi (Rs. 1250), Sahayikas (Rs.750) increase in their present monthly salary. Prantiya Raksha Dal will also get a daily increase of 125 rupees

